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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Norio CHIBA et al. :
Serial No. 10/692,345 : Group Art Unit - 1763
Filed: October 23, 2003 : Examiner- Roberts P. Culbert
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING :
LIGHT-PROPAGATING PROBE :
FOR NEAR-FIELD MICROSCOPE : Docket No. S005-5141

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2006, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEE:

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount \$1900.00 to cover the cost of seven additional independent claims and five additional claims in total in excess of those previously paid for. Should the check prove deficient for any reason or should additional fees be required, authorization is hereby given to charge any such deficiency or fees to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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